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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT: [ ] Support Posture

1. Recent Senior Staff discussions emphasized the need for a prompt determination of the role to be played [ ] in U-2R Far East operations. This office has initiated actions as affect the Materiel aspects and will prepare a "Proposed Logistics Plan" briefing to cover options available to OSA for support of operations [ ] This plan will be presented during week of 24 March 1969 in a briefing to D/SA and Staff.

2. The plan will necessarily hinge on the Operations concepts prepared by your office. However, it is evident that several allied considerations, including these overall concepts, must be reviewed before proceeding further.

3. The following are presented as preliminary assumptions and as stimuli to obtaining staff consensus on this subject:

a. Supplies and equipment peculiar to the C/G model U-2's will be removed from [ ] and returned to Det "G" and/or [ ]. These assets have heretofore been supplied through Det "G" as an adjunct of its FAK/SLOE.

b. An assets/facilities survey of [ ] is required to match on-hand usable resources against those required for U-2R support. Initial actions are underway on this requirement.

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c. In establishing the desired [ ] support posture, the following must be verified:

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(1) It is assumed Det "H" will bear prime responsibility for operations conducted in and out of [ ] and, likewise, for the upkeep and control of Project assets at that location. Det "G" would only perform special operations at [ ] as required by Headquarters on an Ad Hoc basis.

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(2) The "Phase I-II-III" deployment package concept employed by Det "G" will have a similar application at Det "H". Aside from adjustments to local equipment peculiarities, the Det "G" Mobility Package approach could essentially match the needs of either Detachment.

(3) Det "G" is thus the logical source from which to develop the Det "H" baseline Mobility Package document followed by Headquarters' inputs and a field shakedown by Det "H".

d. OSA tendency has been to regard the "FAK" as a rigid, inviolate listing of spares and equipment. This thinking stems apparently from the initial budgetary discussions on the total number of "FAK's" to be procured for the U-2R program. In reality, the "FAK" is a flexible document. Adjustments to levels and updating of components are made as required from flying hours, consumption data, overhaul/repair factors, number of locations, etc. In other words, the depth of a FAK can be progressively adjusted to meet the operational needs of the program. This subject is discussed here to forestall any apprehensions concerning future support of our U-2R activities.

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e. The "Proposed Logistics Plan" will consider such aspects as POL, resupply and airlift, personnel to support [ ] assets upkeep, etc., and the options available to OSA. The "personnel" topic has been identified by Comptroller as one that required early resolution.

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4. Request your office provide us an outline of the Operations Concepts at your earliest convenience. As noted above, this office will proceed with these as the basis for its logistics planning.

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